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Editorial
Welcome to our very full and interesting March edition, it is a welcome sight to see so many Spring flowers showing their heads again.

Walks for Health look like a good idea with the next one scheduled for Monday March 13th 9.30 am at the Victory Hall. You can also respond to the questionnaire about outdoor exercise equipment in the Parish Council piece.

Stogursey Village Band is up and running now and your support would be most welcome.

A St. George’s Day celebration to look forward to and an early warning for our annual Flower Show in July needs to go in your diaries.

There is much exciting news from the school. Maybe you could send us a photo of your own volcano to include in the next issue. The instructions are in the school pages!

We are very pleased to see so much going on in our community. Please keep the contributions and news coming in for us all to share.

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We will remember them

CECIL JOHN JONES

Cecil Jones was born at Gill’s Farm in Shurton in 1892. His parents were Thomas & Mary Ann Jones, and he was the youngest of their family. His mother died when he was 4 years old. After leaving school he became an apprentice butcher at Bridgwater Cattle Market, and in 1911 he was living at the market with his employers, Reginald & Mabel Pitman.

He joined the Royal Army Service Corps as Private No. T1/160240 and was then transferred to the 8th Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment, becoming Private No. 30503. He was killed in France on October 6th, 1917, and is buried in the Tyne Cot memorial in Belgium.

He was awarded the British War Medal & the Allied Victory Medal. His death was recorded in the Bridgwater Mercury on January 16th, 1918.

If you know anything more about Cecil or have a photo, please get in touch.

Aubrey Knowles 01278-733874

STOGURSEY AFC
Meat Draw 20/1/17

1st Prize Allen the Postie
2nd Prize S Calder
3rd Prize J Coles
4th Prize S Calder

Tickets for next draw available from the Post Office and The Greyhound Inn

Thank you all very much for your support

C M Palmer and A Robbins

VICTORY HALL LOTTERY
January Draw

1st Prize £25.00 Joan Moore 101
2nd Prize £15.00 Trevor Jones 44
3rd Prize £10.00 Raymond Bradley 198

Walks for Health

Getting active can be difficult. But help is at hand. The national Walking for Health programme is England’s largest network of health walk schemes. It aims to help people across the country lead a more active lifestyle. The group walks are led by friendly, specially trained volunteers who are on hand to provide encouragement and support, and make sure no one gets left behind.

In Stogursey we now have a small group of walkers enjoying short walks over easy terrain.

The walks are free and are open to everyone, men too! We meet at Victory Hall at 9.30am on the second Monday of the month; bring sturdy boots or wellies, a walking stick if you need one, and a hat, coat, and gloves. This week we walked across several fields on a circular route, overcoming a few boggy patches, a horse or two, and an inquisitive goose. We took our time and enjoyed the wonderful winter sunshine.

New walkers are very welcome, especially those who have not walked for a while, can manage 20 - 30 minutes, and would value a supportive and friendly group.

Next walk Monday March 13th

Ralph (Tel: 732 690)

Stogursey Village Band

We now have seven players with two more hovering on the side-lines!

We played Christmas carols on the gravel and then in the Greyhound which was good fun and very well received. We have performed in St Andrew’s Church and at another occasion and there are plans for us to play at several village events throughout the year.

We aim to be a traditional village band with the main emphasis on enjoyment. If you are an accomplished player, just starting out or considering returning to playing, we would be very pleased to see you. We practice every other week, in Stogursey.

Please give Phil a ring for a chat: 733377
Grand Easter Bingo  
STOGURSEY AFC  

Sunday 2nd April  
Victory Hall  

Doors Open: 7:00 pm  
Eyes Down: 8:00 pm  
Bar open from 7:00 pm  

It’s ‘The Big One’  
Fantastic Prizes in all Houses!  
£10 - £35 meat prizes with bottle of red wine  
2x £50 cash prizes  
The Last House is a ‘Thank You House’ worth £100  
Plus many more prizes on the night.  

FANTASTIC RAFFLE!  
You don’t want to miss this one!  

C M Palmer  

Thought for the month  
All violence is injustice. We should not inflict that injustice on ourselves or on other people.  

Thich Nhat Hanh  

Vintage Tea & Coffee Morning  

On Saturday 25th March there will be a Vintage Tea & Coffee Morning in the Church Rooms where, for £4 entrance, you can have all the fresh coffee/tea and cake you desire. The cakes are all homemade by bakers who could probably win the Bake-Off competition!  

This Coffee Morning is organised to raise funds for this year’s Arts Festival, so you can support the Festival whilst enjoying homemade refreshments. There will also be a raffle and a chance to browse a selection of craft and art work.  

We look forward to seeing you at the Church Rooms between 10.00 and 12.00 on Saturday 25th March.  

Stogursey Flower Show 2017  

29th July  
Victory Hall  

It’s time to start planning your vegetables and flowers again for the show.  

Potatoes should be ‘chitting’, making shoots ready for planting later in the month after frosts have passed. Onions, shallots and garlic can all go in now. Tomato seeds can be started in the greenhouse or on a windowsill. If you don’t have room for seeds, then small plants should be available from late March onwards. Dahlia and Gladioli (tubers & bulbs) make a fantastic splash of colour in the garden and there are several categories to enter in the show. They are also perfect for using in flower arrangements.  

So, as ever, let us hope for a warm spring and a long hot summer with a sprinkling of rain (at night time!)  

Happy Gardening!  

Fiona  

Come and Celebrate  

St George’s Day  
in  Stogursey!  

Sat 22nd April  
7.30pm in the Victory Hall  

Advance tickets only from Stogursey Post Office  

Adult Tickets: £12.50; Children (5 to11): £5.00  

Delicious supper  
Live entertainment -  
Music, Drama, Dancing . . .  

Licensed Bar – (please no BYOB)  

Further details from Ian on 733052  

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Music on the Quantocks

Organ recital
by
Daniel Moult

Stogursey Church
7:30pm Friday 23rd June

Enquiries to: 01278 732251
(Many thanks to Elizabeth Gass)

HOLFORD GARDENERS’ GROUP

‘Secret Lives of Birds in the Garden’
a talk by John Cromarty

March 21st at 7.30pm
Holford and District Village Hall

Members £1.00 Visitors £3.50
A Warm Welcome to all

Free Transport!
for the
Recruit West Somerset Jobs and Careers Fair
in Minehead on Friday 24th February

Atwest transport are providing a 16-seat minibus and driver for anyone wanting to go to this event.

Outward Journey -
Leave: 09.30 Stogursey – opp Post Office
Arrive: 10.30 Beach Hotel, Minehead

Return Journey -
Leave: 12.00 Beach Hotel - opp Railway Station
Arrive: 13.00 Stogursey

For further information contact Colleen Blake
(Tues, Weds, Thurs)
01984 635287 Mobile: 07725602445
CBlake@westsomerset.gov.uk

Stogursey Poetry Group

The Stogursey Poetry Group meets once a month on a Tuesday evening in the Church Rooms.

We each bring a couple of poems to share with the group, sometimes on a theme.

We are a friendly group that get together simply because of a shared love of poetry. If that sounds like you, then please give either Tony on 733577, or Phil on 733377, a ring for a chat.

WI Report - March

A talk by Emma Duke on Driftwood in the Bristol Channel fascinated and educated members at the February meeting.

Emma, a gifted artist, explained the 3 sources of driftwood found in the Bristol Channel. Erosion on the land and from places like the heart of the Quantocks and Exmoor where pieces of wood and roots are washed down streams to the sea. Branches from hard woods such as oak can be drifting around the sea for hundreds of years. Another source is wood from the many shipwrecks in the Bristol Chanel and off-cuts from boat yards. The third type is fossilised and petrified wood which break off from the submarine forests found along the limestone coast.

Examples were passed round so that members could touch and feel the differences and admire the shapes and textures of these simple bits of wood that she turns into pieces of artwork.

The committee have now put together an interesting programme of events for the coming year.

Next meetings are Pasta Making on 8 March and the AGM on 12 April. Both meetings are to be held at 7:30pm at the St Audries Centre.

New members are always sure of a warm welcome but for more information the WI can be contacted on stogurseywi@gmail.com

WANTED - to rent

2 Stables and Grazing
Honest & Trustworthy Owner, Horses unshod
Cash paid monthly
Please Phone: 01278 733689

Cook and Catering Assistants

Stockland Lovell Equestrian Centre require reliable people with cooking experience to join their team from March 2017. Full details of the vacancies are on our website: www.stocklandlovell.com/news

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Castle Reading Tent
In the hall we had a castle-shaped reading tent.

Each class got to go in there and read. Willow Class read *The Gurt Worm of Shervage Wood* in the tent, and then we did drama. We did the drama in groups inside the hall, but outside the tent.

We enjoyed it because when we first went in there it was quite exciting for everyone.

The Gurt Worm of Shervage Wood
Part II  (*Part I was in last month’s news*)

At first he thought he had just drunk too much cider, but it then started to move again. So he jumped up and cut it in half with his axe, and there was dragon blood on the end of his axe. One half of the dragon ran towards Minehead, and the other went off towards Taunton.

Now, it was said that the dragon laid an egg, and it takes a long time for a dragon’s egg to hatch, and by someone’s calculation, it should hatch just about . . NOW!

Volcanoes
In February, Willow Class did an experiment about volcanoes.

We used a cup, teaspoon, washing-up liquid, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, red food colouring and water.

To do the experiment:
Get a cup, fill it with water then put the bicarbonate of soda and the washing-up liquid in the cup and give it a good stir. Put some food colouring in, and then the vinegar. It will look like lava - you have got a volcano!

We used trays, but the Year 6’s one overflowed before we put the vinegar in, and we got two lava flows.

Future dates for MARCH:

- Thurs 2nd World Book Day - come as a character from a traditional tale or a local story
- Fri 24th Story Telling Day
  - Red Nose Day - wear red.
  - Cake Sale
- Mon 27th Dunster Castle Trip - Willow and Hazel classes
- Tues 28th Dunster Castle Trip - Oak Class
- Fri 31st Stogursey Castle visit
  - End of Spring Term
Bonnie, Chloe, Isla, Kirran and Octavia all helped to re-tell the story:

The old farmer planted the seeds. One turnip was massive, he wanted to pull it out. He pulled and pulled and pulled. It wouldn’t come out. He called the old lady. Then the little boy helped, then the little girl helped, then the dog and the cat helped. And then the little mouse helped.

They all had it for lunch.

There was a cat that always wanted food, because the witch rarely fed him. But then the cat nagged for more food, “Give me a sandwich”.

They had a song about a forest that was dying, but they turned it back to a healthy, living forest.

Everyone loved the visit, it was so funny. The actors were a bit too funny for us.

Pre-school pupils have been acting out the story of the Enormous Turnip

Kinetic Theatre Science

On 23rd January, we all had a fabulous visit from people who set up a Kinetic Theatre in our school hall. Their play was “Robin and the Withering Wood”.

There were only two actors, one lady and one man. They were really quick at getting changed into different outfits like Robin Hood, a chubby man and a police man.

They also did magic, like picking up a box.

Extract from a letter sent to parents

“Over the last 18 months or so, the school governors have been exploring a range of options with regard to the school’s future to ensure we provide our children with the best possible experiences and outcomes.

We have considered all the options very carefully, and have made the decision to actively pursue joining the Haygrove Multi-Academy Trust. Our church school status remains very important to the character of the school, and any final decision must be made with discussion and agreement from the diocese. We will maintain our Church school status.”

Parents have been invited to a meeting at the school to discuss the proposal with Karen Canham, head teacher of Haygrove School.
Stogursey Arts Festival 2017

“In a climate where funding for the Arts is hard won, the Stogursey Arts Festival project has established itself, finding its way through developing additional opportunities to exhibit the work of local artists, musicians and performers.”

Evolver (Arts Magazine) September issue 2016

From its humble beginnings, Stogursey Arts Festival has grown into an event, which in the past two years featured well over a hundred artists and performers.

In planning and developing ideas for what we will see in October, for this year’s exhibitions, the Festival Team are considering a different approach, which we hope will enable possibilities for artists to collaborate in making artworks in response to the exhibition spaces we created in 2015.

These spaces provide an excellent opportunity to show sculpture, installation and painting on a large scale. Having both an architectural and spiritual heritage, the chapels in the church, for example, provide unique and challenging environments for artists to engage with sensitively, bringing new ideas to the curatorial considerations we established in the past.

Over the past two years we have taken care to curate the exhibition in St Andrew’s church with a view to enabling a contemplative experience for visitors and audiences alike. It is our intention to ensure that this practice continues.

By early April we will have established details and a plan to move forward with the artistic concept(s) allowing participants at least six months to develop individual work and/or work in collaboration.

If you would be interested in discussing the opportunities and participating in this project we would love to hear from you.

Festival fundraising continues this month. Don’t miss the Vintage Tea and Coffee event on Saturday 25th of March in the Church rooms from 10 am till 12 noon. This time we have a ‘one off’ entry fee of £4, which will cover your tea and/or coffee and as much cake as you like!

The Arts Festival this year will run from the 11th to the 15th of October 2017.

For more information and regular updates on progress towards the 2017 Festival, please visit us on Facebook: Stogursey Arts Festival. If you would like to help out, do let us know by contacting Tim Kaye on 734550

Mike Bradshaw on behalf of SAFT

Notes from your village agent - Izzy Silvester

81819 - the new text number to combat rural crime

Avon and Somerset Police launched a new text service on 17 January, to help us prevent and detect rural crime.

The police are asking rural communities and businesses to help by providing information and intelligence about suspected crime in their area.

The new number will allow the public to text information directly to the Rural Crime Team, who will be able to assess and action the intelligence quickly and efficiently.

Inspector Joanna Mines, from the Rural Crime Team in Somerset, says:

“Many people who belong to our Farm Watch scheme had said they wanted a facility to be able to pass on information and respond to messages quickly, and this new number will allow that.

“We want to hear from anyone who has information about any suspicious or potentially criminal activity in their area, for example - details of people/vehicles seen behaving suspiciously, potentially stolen goods or livestock being offered for sale either to the public or at markets, sightings of stolen vehicles we might put out an alert for. “

“We have had real success using a text number to facilitate reporting of drink drivers in the past and we hope this will prove as effective.”

The number won’t be monitored 24/7, but the team will be looking at it when they are on duty. It therefore shouldn’t be used for reporting crimes, or anything which requires an immediate police attendance. In those circumstances please dial 999.

The new number is 81819, please text us any information you believe could either help prevent or detect a crime in your area.

You can still pass on information via the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. They never ask your name or trace your call.

If you are finding life a bit hard going at the moment, I may be able to help. Please phone me, Izzy Silvester your village agent, on 07931 018045. Leave me your name and number and I will ring you back, or email me on izzy@somerset.rcc.org.uk

I do only work part-time so it may take a day or two for me to return your call. Thank you

Izzy Silvester
**Apple Blossom Sangha**

Buddhism is a philosophy based on the teachings of Siddhartha Gautama, who lived about 25 centuries ago in what is now Nepal and northern India. He came to be called "the Buddha," which means "awakened one", after he experienced a profound realisation of the nature of life, death and existence.

In English, the Buddha was said to be enlightened, although in Sanskrit it is bodhi, "awakened". In the remaining years of his life, the Buddha travelled and taught. However, he didn't teach people what he had realised when he became enlightened. Instead, he taught people how to realise enlightenment for themselves: that awakening comes through one's own direct experience, not through beliefs and dogmas.

In Stogursey we have a Sangha to which all residents are welcome to join. A sangha is an "association", "assembly", "company" or "community". We meet every two weeks. Meetings are free to attend. At these meetings we practice meditation. The meeting is informal - we usually undertake two meditations, sometimes they are guided (that is, someone reads a meditation) and sometimes they are silent. Both types of meditation aim to be peaceful and to support mindfulness.

In spite of its emphasis on free inquiry, Buddhism is not whatever you want it to be. It might best be understood as a discipline and an exacting discipline at that. And although Buddhist teachings should not be accepted on blind faith, understanding what the Buddha taught is an important part of that discipline. For example, the foundation of Buddhism is the Four Noble Truths.

The Truths are:
1. The truth of suffering
2. The truth of the cause of suffering
3. The truth of the end of suffering
4. The truth of the path that frees us from suffering

At our Sangha meetings we don’t spend a lot of time talking about the theory of Buddhism, but we do think about some of the practices that can support us to be mindful. Mindfulness enables us to live fully each moment of life, without being distracted by the past or the future. Mindfulness also helps to build up our power of concentration, so we can gain insight into our lives.

Stogursey’s Apple Blossom Sangha meets fortnightly, in Shurton, on a Tuesday evening, at 7.30pm. Contact Ralph, Tel: 732 690

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**EDF free Community Bus**

There’s better news for Stogursey bus users left without a service for several months.

Many thanks are due to EDF for stepping in and providing a service Monday to Friday for villages between Bridgwater and Minehead affected by the withdrawal of the commercial service. This is FREE to all, not just bus pass holders.

Many thanks are also due to all Councillors and Council staff who listened to the views of local people affected by the lack of a bus service and worked hard to find a solution. Many thanks also to Jo Pavely of Somerset Transport Solutions for the important part she has played in delivering this service.

Allan in the Post Office is his usual helpful self, providing timetable information on request.

Bus companies all over the country are withdrawing unprofitable bus services to rural areas. This bus service provided by EDF is on a year’s trial. Let’s hope that it will be so well used that EDF will consider extending it.

*Here are some details about this bus service:*

**The bus service started on**

**MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2017**

**The service is FREE to all passengers, and is provided by HPC**

**Bus Timetable (Monday to Friday only)**

**Minehead – Bridgwater**

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A full timetable is displayed on notice boards

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Clock-Minder Tales: Part Three
(“I've got sixpence, jolly jolly sixpence…”)

Many years ago now, I volunteered to look after our rather remarkable church clock for a number of reasons. Being virtually at the bottom of our garden it is a lovely, if somewhat noisy part of our lives. The problem for me was when it drifted out of time to a major degree. Historically it gains a minute a week due to the nature of the mechanism. This used to become a bit irritating to me after it had crept forwards by more than three or so minutes.

Having been given the access keys, problem solved. If you remember a previous article, I used to hand wind it so I knew what to do. About every three weeks I go up and adjust the clock and make sure all the auto-wind mechanism has the right lights on and there are no obvious mechanical problems.

I also liaise with the person from Smith’s of Derby when he comes to do the annual service. He is a fascinating man who has told me some interesting things. Amongst many, that our clock was made by the same large clock makers as Big Ben in London (Dent & Co). It is one of the two public clocks in the country made by the firm in the public domain and not in a stately home.

My ear was caught recently by a piece on the radio alerting us to the fact that Big Ben was about to be stopped while a major clean and service was carried out. Paul, who does our clock, also looks after St Paul’s Cathedral clock, his fellow clock mender does Big Ben.

It was the way they keep Big Ben accurate to within two seconds of the atomic clock by adding or taking off old pennies from the pendulum that got me thinking. When it gets cold in winter the mechanism shrinks a little and the reverse in summer, hence the need to adjust the weight of the pendulum. Why not ours? I eventually put three 2p pieces onto the pendulum that you can see inset in the photo. It’s not exactly right yet, but then I like to have a regular look at it so I think I’ll leave it be for now.

Paul Welbourne

Cannington Health Centre - update

Practice Manager
Following the retirement of Moira Allen, in April 2016 Carol Woodward, has been in post as the Practice Manager at Cannington Health Centre. At the end of March, Carol will be leaving to return to her Northern roots. We do have a successor in post, Alison Reid, who is settling in well with the Cannington Team.

Dr Lucy Bray
Dr Lucy Bray made the decision to retire and left the Health Centre in September 2016. Dr Bray had been a partner of the practice for 29 years and her care and dedication to both the practice and patients is greatly missed.

Dr Craig Bobbett & Dr Katharine Allen
Dr Craig Bobbett & Dr Katharine Allen have joined the practice as partners.

Dr Bobbett was born and raised outside Bristol in Keynsham where most of his family still live. Dr Bobbett studied at Imperial College School of Medicine in London before moving back to the West Country.

Dr Allen trained at Peninsula Medical School. Dr Allen is part of a Military family so grew up in Plymouth, Holland and Scotland before settling in Somerset at the age of 11.

We also have Dr Phillip Rodgers with us until August as our GP registrar.

Stogursey Surgery
Some of you may have already consulted with Dr Craig Bobbett, who is delighted to be the allocated GP for the Stogursey Surgery. His surgery runs on a Thursday Afternoon 3pm to 4:30pm in the church rooms.

Online Access
Patients of Cannington Health Centre can register for online access, enabling you to update your contact details, access to your medical record, book appointments and order repeat prescriptions.

Please ask at the main surgery for details on how to register for this service.

Health Centre Tel: 01278 652335

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West Somerset Housing Needs Survey
Maureen Smith from West Somerset Community Land Trust (WSCLT) spoke to the Parish Council. WSCLT is a volunteer-run organisation which hopes to build good quality affordable rental homes in the area. In order to do so, they would like to determine what people actually want from their homes. WSCLT are conducting a survey to better understand the needs of people looking for housing before the homes are built and Maureen provided copies of the survey to attendees. Further information and a copy of the survey can be found online at [http://www.wsclt.com](http://www.wsclt.com/).

Resignation of Councillors
We have received letters of resignation from Cllr Paul Tipney and Cllr Keith Turpin. We are sorry to lose both Councillors and thank them for their service and commitment to the community. They will be missed.

Casual Vacancies – Parish Councillors
Following the resignations of Cllrs Tipney and Turpin, the Parish Council welcomes applications for Parish Councillors. The role of councillor is an interesting, varied and challenging one and we are looking for committed and enthusiastic volunteers to join our ‘team’. Applications to be submitted to the Clerk by 3 March 2017. Look out for notices on Parish Notice Boards and in this issue of Stogursey News. For further information, contact the Clerk.

New Councillor
We are very pleased to welcome James Brereton from Stolford who was co-opted onto the Parish Council filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Val Boxall.

Traffic Calming – Burton and Shurton
Speed Indicator Devices (SID) within the parish were installed week commencing 23 Jan 2017 in Shurton and week commencing 6 Feb 2017 in Tower Hill. Reports for both will be available from 27 Feb 2017.

Stogursey Parish Lengths-man Scheme
The HPC CIM fund Plan Planning Obligations Board sat last week when the application for funding for the Lengths-man scheme was discussed. Unfortunately, the application for funding from the main West Somerset CIM fund was not approved.

New District Council Consultation Period
The public consultation period continues until 28 Feb 2017. The views of local people are being sought to help the Secretary of State make a fully informed decision. Detailed information can be found on the website [www.yournewcouncillor.org](http://www.yournewcouncillor.org). The Chair, District Cllr Goss, and the Clerk attended a meeting with the Leader of West Somerset Council, Cllr Anthony Trollope-Bellow, who outlined reasons why the proposal was put forward.

S106 funding – Recreational facilities in or around Burgage Road
Funds are available for recreational facilities in or around Burgage Road (following the completion of affordable housing in the area). Proposals from community groups are welcome. The Parish Council has proposed sourcing an adult outdoor exercise facility. If residents are in favour of this facility and have suggestions about the type of equipment and/or locations, they should inform the Clerk – a questionnaire is provided. It is also proposed to complete the tarmac path from the back of the houses from Vicarage Road to the path from Burgage Road to the play area, to facilitate pushchair and wheelchair access.

New Community Bus Service
You will all now be aware that a new community FREE bus service commenced on 6 Feb 2017. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to the efforts of Hugh Davies (Somerset County Councillor), Peter Grandfield of Holford PC and Jo Pavely of Somerset Passengers Solutions. There is a one year trial period, though it is hoped that it will be extended.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2017

I look forward to hearing from you on any issues you wish to discuss. My phone number is 01278 653824 or you can e-mail me at stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com

Gillian Orchard, Clerk to the Parish Council.
STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that TWO Casual Vacancies have occurred in the office of Councillor on the STOGURSEY Parish Council.

Unless ten electors for the Parish give notice in writing by 2 March 2017 to the Returning Officer, West Somerset House, Killick Way, Williton, Taunton, Somerset TA4 4QA, requesting that an election be held, the Parish Council will, at a Meeting to be held on 14 March 2017 at 7.30 pm in THE VICTORY HALL, STOGURSEY, fill the vacancies by the co-option of 2 new Councillors.

Applications to be submitted to the Clerk by Friday 3 March 2017

Gillian Orchard
Clerk to the Parish Council
2 Wick House
Stolford, Stogursey
TA5 1TL
01278 653824

Dated: 15 February 2017

STOGURSEY PARISH COUNCIL
ADULT OUTDOOR EXERCISE FACILITY

It has been proposed that Stogursey Parish Council arrange for an outdoor exercise facility for adults in and around Stogursey. Council members would like to hear the opinions of local residents before any decision is made.

Please complete this form and return it to the Clerk or a Parish Councillor by 31 March 2017.

I *am/am not in favour of an adult exercise facility in Stogursey

I *would/would not use an adult exercise facility

Outdoor exercise equipment that I would like to see:

Exercise Bike *YES / NO
Rowing Machine *YES / NO
Step Machine *YES / NO
Pull-up bars *YES / NO
Sit-up bar *YES / NO
Other (eg) ……………………………………………………………………………………………………

Any other comments ………………………………………………………………………………………

* delete where applicable

Return completed forms to:
Parish Clerk, 2 Wick House, Stolford / stogurseypcclerk@gmail.com
Or hand to a Parish Councillor
Contacts and Parish Information

Mobile Library: **Route and times for 2017**
The library visits on **Thursdays**

**Stockland Bristol**  
Captains 11.50 am - 12.05 pm  

**Shurton**  
Babbling Brook 12.20 pm - 12.50 pm  

**Stogursey**  
Greyhound Inn 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm  
Town Close (No 30) 2.05 pm - 2.35 pm

**Visiting Dates - every 4 weeks**  
2017: 16 Mar 13 April 11 May 8 Jun 6 July

For more information, contact Libraries Direct:  
by telephone on 0845 3459177,  
by email at [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries) (Route H)

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**Local Councils**

**Parish**  
Chair: Allan Searle  
Vice-Chair: Chris Morgan  
Clerk: Gillian Orchard  
Councillors: James Brereton, Geoff Coles, Ian Elenor, Chris Ford, Sue Goss, Susan E Jones,

**West Somerset**  
Councillors: Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

**Ward**  
Councillors: Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

**Site Stakeholders Group Representatives**  
Sue Goss, Chris Morgan

**Somerset County Council**  
All Services 0300 123 2224

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**Parish Neighbourhood Welcome Pack**  
Burton & Knighton: Sue Goss 733405  
Wick & Stolford: Susan E Jones 652287  
Stogursey & Shurton: Chris Morgan

**Stolford - St Peter’s Church Community Use**  
Chair: Susan E Jones, Stolford

**Stogursey Oral History Project**  
Aubrey Knowles 733874  
Ralph Hammond 732690

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**EdF Main Site Neighbourhood Forum:**  
**Stogursey Hamlets**

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m_laver@btinternet.com  
Sue Jones 732275  
suekibjones@yahoo.co.uk

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Richard Cuttell 734818  
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Stolford:  
Susan E Jones 652287  
suejones279@btinternet.com

Wick:  
Dick Blomfield  
richie.blomfield@btinternet.com

Stogursey Parish Council Members: Allan Searle, Chris Ford  
West Som District & Ward Councillor: Sue Goss

**Monthly Drop-Ins**
3rd Mar Babbling Brook, Shurton 12 noon - 1 pm  
7th Apr Babbling Brook, Shurton 12 noon - 1 pm

**Main Site Forum**

**HPC Hotline (Complaints, etc)** 0800 0969650

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**Community Policing & Speed Watch Volunteers**  
Peter Bolton  
PCSO 7292  
Williton Police Station  
Quantock Vale Beat 013/015/017  
Telephone: 01823 363935/6  
Mobile: 07889 655193  
email: peter.bolton@avonandsomerset.police.uk

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Criminal Damage**  
If you see any ASB or criminal damage incidents, please phone the Police on 101.  
Give as much information, including names, as you possibly can. These are Police matters, and the Police need our help to stop them. The number of complaints made from an area are noted. The more complaints received, the more justification to allocate police time and manpower to deal with problems. **Complainants’ names are not released to the perpetrators.**

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**Community Car Scheme**  
Stogursey Parish Stagecoach 07908 239 609

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This information provides an overview of work taking place related to Hinkley Point C which may affect you. If you’d like to discuss any of the below, please drop in to the EDF Energy Visitor Centre, Angel Place Shopping Centre, Bridgwater, TA6 3TQ. We’re open 9.00am-4pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am-1pm on a Saturday. We’re also available in the Babbling Brook on Friday 3 March 12.00 – 13.00. Further information is available www.edfenergy.com/hinkleyc or call us freephone on **0800 0969 650** at any time, or email us at hinkley-enquiries@edf-energy.com.

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*We’re sorry for any inconvenience these works may cause.

**Disclaimer:** This ‘Look Ahead’ is accurate at the time of issue. However, the work schedule may change due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen factors.